

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 9, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 9, 2007. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-19 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 20-27 have been canceled by Applicants without prejudice. Reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

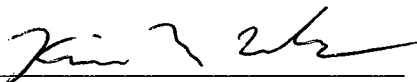
Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect claims 1-19 (Group I), claims 20-25 (Group II) or claims 26 and 27 (Group III). Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-19, without traverse.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/007385/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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